

April 6, 1977

LB 232, 92, 93

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Fowler, you may close by way of reply.

SENATOR FOWLER: I don't think there is much more to say. It doesn't make major changes in what we are already doing but it does give legislative recognition and establishes the office beyond this administration and makes a statement that energy is a severe problem that state government should be involved in, should address. So I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The question is the motion of Senator Fowler to advance to LB 232 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on motion to advance.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 232 is advanced to E & R Initial. LB 92.

CLERK: There is a request by Senator Goodrich to bracket LB 92 until May 4th.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: May 4th?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Unanimous request to bracket until May 4th. Is there any objection? Seeing none, so ordered. LB 93.

CLERK: LB 93. Introduced by Senator Goodrich. Read title. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 93 is a bill to eliminate one section of the statutes and this section deals with prohibiting anyone involved as a corporation in the liquor business from making political contributions, either to an individual or to a party or anywhere else. On the second day of this session, the Journal for January the 6th has an Attorney General's opinion in it which the net effect of the opinion is that this section of the statutes is unconstitutional anyhow. So all the bill does is wipes out section 53-182 off the books because of the fact that it is unconstitutional and unenforceable in the first place. That is all there is to it. I move it be advanced.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any further discussion of LB 93. The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I haven't opposed my good friend, Senator Goodrich, for a long time but there is another consideration and in the committee it was discussed. I think that we should be aware that we are talking about the liquor industry which is regulated right up to its ears, not only at state level but at county and city level. If we put those people in the position where they can be indirectly coerced or forced into contributing to financial campaigns, then I think we have created somewhat of a monster. I

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